



March 7, 2021

We will be worshipping together online and in-person.

This week those who's last names are between ALLEN-HOLLEMANS (plus those on the initial invite list who received letters), are invited for in-person worship. Those not in this group (or do not feel comfortable worshipping in person) are encouraged to join us online at our Livestream.

God's Word: God's Word: **Pastor Dave Sieplinga** will bring a message, **Know Justice, Know Peace** from **Psalm 72.**

Offering: Ministry Partner—Micah Center IAF

Worship Materials: Go to <http://bit.ly/March7WorshipMaterials> for coloring pages, Bible verse and more fun activities to go along with today's sermon.

Responding: **Please contact the prayer team, your elder, or a pastor with any prayer requests.**

Today

10:00 am Worship Service - virtual (Links above)
11:15 am Join us for online coffee hour! (Info above)
1:00 pm Kinyarwanda worship—streamed on YouTube.
5:30-7:00 pm HSYG

This Week At Oakdale

Monday

6:30 pm Council Meeting
8:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meeting

Tuesday

6:00-7:00 am Tuesday Prayer Time
<http://bit.ly/OPCTuesdayPrayer>

Wednesday

9:00-10:00 am Wednesday Prayer Time
<http://bit.ly/OPCWednesdayPrayer>

Thursday

11:00 am CLEAR (small groups)

Sunday, March 14: (Note: Daylight Savings Begins)

10:00 am Online Worship (In-Person for STOUT-WISNESKI + the initial invite list)
1:00 pm Kinyarwanda Service
2:00-4:00 pm DIVE
5:30-7:00 pm HSYG

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

Please keep **Emma Jones'** sister **Earnestine** in your prayers as she recently had to have her finger amputated after a loss of circulation. Pray that she may have both healing and strength from the Lord.

Continue to pray for **Baby Nora Jones** as she is still in the hospital. She has been on antibiotics and is doing better. She was also able to keep down her formula so pray that she may heal quickly and be able to come home this weekend. Pray also for peace for the Jones family as she is in the hospital.

Pray for **Jeff and Kathy DeJong** as Jeff's mom, **Phyllis DeJong**, is going into Hospice on Friday. She has been struggling with her health for some time so pray for comfort for her, and the family.

Please continue to pray for healing for **Ryan Brown's** broken right femur. **Ryan** will be in his harness until March 10. Please continue to pray for patience and a full recovery.

Pastor Claude has asked for prayers for **Alex and his wife Chantal** in the passing of **her mother** in Africa this past week. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Praises that **Cathie VanderSteen's** eye is healing well and her vision is improving. Please continue to pray that her vision will continue to improve and healing will go well.

Pray for strength and encouragement for friends: Duke and Marilyn Bazuin, Harold & Jessica Kuizema, Roger & Doris Van't Hof, Diane DeHaan, Sid Lautenbach, John & Luann Pastoor, Lee VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski and Alexis Coger.

Oakdale Opportunities

Announcement from Oakdale's Council

Dear Church, every year, the Congregation selects a new group of Elders and Deacons to replace the members of Council who are ending their terms of service. Please prayerfully consider nominating members who you believe would serve well in these roles. Nominations forms were mailed out last week but if you need a new form or have questions, you can reach out to Aaron Einfeld, the Council President. Please try to return these before March 8.

From Pastor Bill and Lyn VandenBosch

Dear congregation, a time of traveling in the lands of the Bible can be a wonderful experience in growing our walk in faith as followers of Jesus Christ. We invite you to travel with us on one of two opportunities to gain insight into God's Word this fall. From September 16-28 we will be leading a pilgrimage in the steps of the Apostle Paul on his second missionary journey as recorded in the Book of Acts. From October 18-30 we will travel in the light of Jesus as we follow the Gospel record of his life in the Holy Land. If you are interested in receiving more information on either of these faith building pilgrimages, please contact us at 616-826-1927 or inthelightofjesus@gmail.com. If you would like a printed brochure about either of these opportunities, please contact Pastor James at the church office.

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Community Requests

Emma Jones (475-6961) &

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Oakdale Announcements and Opportunities

"Scripture and Prayer Exercise" by Lisa DeYoung

Included in the Tuesday's prayer line for the next 7 weeks will be a link to a brief video inviting you to journey with Christ through his death and resurrection using contemplative prayer. I will be reading a brief scripture passage and then invite you into an imaginative prayer exercise based on Ignatian Prayer. You are welcome to listen and/or watch whenever it is convenient for you. But a new link will be available for the Tuesday prayer line each week. For those who want to get the most out of the exercise, I invite you to have a Bible and journal handy so that you can respond to the prayer prompts in your own creative ways through writing or drawing or further prayer time. This week's video can be found at <http://bit.ly/AnointedAtBethany>

Sunday Evening 30 Minutes Zoom Prayers

March 7, 7:00 to 7:30 pm with prayer focus for the work of the Discernment Team (<http://bit.ly/DiscernmentTeamPrayer>)

March 21, 7:00-7:30 pm on Racial Justice & Mercy. (<http://bit.ly/RacialJusticePrayer>)

24/3 Prayer Vigil:

Come...Draw Near...Listen...Cry Out! Beginning Thursday, March 25, and continuing on through Palm Sunday, March 28, spend an hour or more with our Lord and Savior either in the comfort of your home or at church as part of Oakdale's 24/3 Prayer. The Visual Arts Team has created Prayer Stations in the sanctuary and the Prayer Room is open. Time slots from 6am to 10pm prayer will be held at church. Late night and early morning hours will be held in your homes. Online Registration can be found by clicking here. If you can't sign up online, contact Rachel in the church office (616.452.5764) and she can help you.

Questions contact Jayne Ver Beek (616) 947-4198 or Cindy Plantenga (616) 421-5874 .

Prayer Stations- Visual Arts

The Visual Arts team has curated interactive prayer Stations of the Cross for 24/3 and Holy Week. You are invited to draw close to God through creating, visual arts, poetry, song and writing. This is family friendly and children may need extra guidance from parents for some stations. Artwork and the stations are based on artwork and resources by Sanctified Art

In March please pray Mark & Kristen VanAndel

In-Person Worship Schedule

Oakdale Park Church is excited to welcome our congregation back to in-person worship! Because the number of people in that group has been so small each week, and the COVID rates have significantly declined in Kent County, we are inviting members back to in-person worship by last name.

Those with trouble accessing the services online, who have already been invited back, are welcome back every week. Oakdale's worship will continue to stream live online for those who are not comfortable returning to in-person worship. Please also note that we will not be having nursery or children's programming so please plan accordingly if needed.

March 7: ALLEN-HOLLEMANS plus those initially invited

March 14: STOUT-WISNESKI plus those initially invited

March 21: HOLMAN-SMITH plus those initially invited

March 28: ALLEN-HOLLEMANS plus those initially invited

April 1: Maundy Thursday: EVERYONE

April 4: Easter Sunday: EVERYONE (We are considering having two services, more details to come.)

Please re-read Oakdale's reopening protocols for safety on the church website (<https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/covid-19-reopening-information/>)

Please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Shannon if you have any questions.

Council Usher Schedule

March 7: Harland Holman, Jayne VerBeek, Mandy Vander Meyden, & Peggy Moore

March 14: Ralph Mason, Aaron Einfeld, Noah Menerey, & Zac Baker

At-Home Faith Formation—"the Practice of Listening: Most of us are not naturally good listeners, and that can affect our relationship with God. Practice "listening prayer" this week. Find a quiet spot, calm your mind, and invite God to speak to your heart. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)"